

Centennial Middle School PTO General meeting

Thursday November 17th, 2022 9:00am

The guest speaker, Mr. Awesome, gave good points to the students about setting high goals to reach, write down 10 things a day of gratitude and will end up with 300 things listed. Shared a story about himself that he forgot to fill out paperwork that cost him to miss an important event and teach the students to be aware of details in life. The challenges and struggles he had to go through to make it as far as he did.

Will be having an open house December 8th. It will be an open gallery for parents to go to different rooms with different leaders showing what they do. For example, the health teacher will have students doing squats. Also show the different clubs that are offered for the students. There will be a virtual option for people that can not come. A scavenger hunt will also be offered around the school to find school related information.

Centennial has 550 students but want to increase the size or maintain the size of the school. Have a designated person let new people of the apartments in North Boulder know about Centennial and the process to have a student go to Centennial.

The cyclone fundraiser raised \$83,000 for the school with the help of a matching anonymous donor. \$7725 was raised for the PTO with 125% of the PTO fundraising goal reached. An update will be sent out to tell where the money will go to in the school. The school money goes to the teachers, and the PTO money goes to the students.

Options to get more people to give next year:

Say parents can donate smaller amount

Text out information about the fundraiser

Get the kids excited about it

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Book club will be started soon. Coffee meetups and hiking options are a couple of the social functions. Talk about issues that Middle schoolers are going through with guest speakers. Have some kind of meeting every other month for parents to get together.

In the school announcement there was a Spirit wear update to remind parents to buy Centennial gear, how to sign up for Amazon smile and King Soopers which gives a percentage back to the school. Spirit wear is easy to order and seems to have a discount of some sort every week. The money from Spirit wear sales, Amazon smile and King Soopers go to the PTO budget.

In the newsletter, there will be links to find out information about what is going on with the district that is provided during the district meeting. Find a way to provide a form or an email address to get concerns from Centennial parents to the parent that represents Centennial at the district meetings. Only one parent can be present at the district meeting from each school. There are two volunteer parents running the meetings and each parent from each school are bringing the concerns that the parents have to the varying superintendent in the meeting. The meeting also covers the bigger projects that are effecting the district as a whole.

October meeting notes were approved by PTO meeting attendees.
<https://helpatschools.com/> is the best way to find volunteering jobs for the school and the PTO.

Still looking for a Vice President for PTO.

End of year appreciation for the teachers will be Target gift cards with extra cards for other events like new babies. Target gift cards work best for usability for all the teachers.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided for the teachers and students on Dec 16th. Will ask for donations from the parents to provide the cookies and the hot chocolate.

PTO will try an evening meeting in January for parents to come to the PTO meeting at night. Maybe parents bring food to the evening meeting as a potluck. If it works well then every other month have the PTO meeting in the evening.

Remember to bring ID to enter the school for the next PTO meeting

Next PTO meeting is December 15th at 9am